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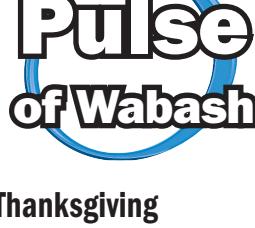
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This year's Thanksgiving newspaper will be printed and distributed Wednesday, Nov. 27, since the U.S. Postal Service does not deliver on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28. It will be full of advertisements for Black Friday shopping deals and all the local news you'll need for the holiday weekend. Please call 260-563-2131 for more information.

Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Zay, Wolkins to host INDOT Indiana 24 project town hall

State Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, will host a town hall meeting along with State Rep. Dave Wolkins, R-Warsaw, to discuss the update on the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Indiana 24 project from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Honeywell Center's Honeywell Room, 275 W. Market St.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 23, 24, 29 and 30. Dec. 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Annual Living Gift Market set for Nov. 23

Celebrate Christmas at Heifer International's 32nd Living Gift Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 at Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. For more information, email Jim Myer at jmyerwdw@yahoo.com.

Holidays to be welcomed with an annual open house

To mark the beginning of the holiday season, the Honeywell House will host its annual Holiday Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at 720 N. Wabash St.

'A Christmas Story' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"A Christmas Story" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

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Christmas comes to Manchester



WISHES: Santa and Mrs. Claus take photos Wednesday at Funderburg Library at Manchester University.

BY ROB BURGESS
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It was just before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, and Santa Claus was making his way to the campus on Manchester University.

He wasn't using his traditional transport, however.

"We'll have to turn this in for a sleigh," he said, sitting in the back of a slowly-moving golf cart.

The man of the hour was in town for the annual tree-lighting ceremony in front of Petersime Chapel.

While those gathered around the campus' mall enjoyed refreshments, the Manchester Junior High School Choir, led by Sharon Lehman, sang renditions

of holiday favorites including "Deck the Halls," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

After the music subsided, Dave McFadden, president of Manchester University, addressed the crowd.

"If you've attended this tree-lighting in the past at Manchester, you'll notice one big difference. It's kind of a small difference. We're going from the giant pine tree on East Street which we're not able to light this year, to a pine tree that we've created here in the mall. When we light the tree you'll also

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CEREMONY: The ceremony was moved because of the construction for the Chinworth Center.

Lone Republican challenging Hill's re-election bid talks issues

BY ROB BURGESS
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Indiana Republican Attorney General Curtis Hill's only rival within his party for re-election, John Westercamp, has visited 82 counties since announcing his intentions earlier this year.

Wabash County was one of those. He even had coffee at Modoc's.

"It was a charming place," said Westercamp, during a phone interview Tuesday.

Westercamp said people he spoke with on his travels told him they "expect humble but effective government."

Particularly conservatives are not expecting you to come in and introduce a massive program," he said. "The message that I'm hearing is that people want limited government and they want liberty and I want to be a defender of that."

Distinguishing himself as a candidate

Thus far, Hill and Westercamp are joined in the race by Sen. Karen Tallian, D-Ogden Dunes, the only Democrat running for the post so far.

Last week, Hill announced his intention to seek a second term despite facing professional misconduct allegations of drunkenly groping four women that threaten his law license.

Hill has not yet returned a Plain Dealer request for an interview as of press time.

"I didn't spend a whole lot of time worrying about who's getting in or who is getting out, because I felt convicted that I needed to step up and serve and so that's been my focus. If people get in, if people get out,

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Celebrate 'The Wonders of Winter' on Dec. 18

STAFF REPORT

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "The Wonders of Winter" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to a press release.

"We'll hike, collect nature items and make a craft," stated the release.

This program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-488-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Manchester celebrates the season with December musical performances

Several concerts scheduled for early next month

BY ANNE GREGORY

The Manchester University Music Department presents several performances in early December.

University Bands Concert

The University Bands Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the Assembly Room at Timbercrest Senior Living Community, 2201 East St.

This concert features the Manchester University Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble.

The Symphonic Band

and Jazz Ensemble are under the direction of Scott Humphries, director of instrumental studies and music education. The Percussion Ensemble is under the direction of Bruce Schneider, an adjunct percussion instructor.

This concert will feature works by composers Mark Camphouse and Humphries.

Tickets are \$5 general admission; free for MU students, faculty and staff.

Lessons and Carols

The Lessons and Carols worship service will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St.

This service blends lessons of the season with traditional Christmas carols and hymns, featuring Manchester University Chamber Singers and Cantabile. Chamber Singers is under the direction of Debra Lynn, MU director of choral organizations and vocal studies. Robert Lynn, an adjunct faculty member, directs cantabile.

Holiday Pops!

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops! concert will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in Corral Auditorium.

In addition to holiday favorites, the Manchester University A Cappella Choir will join the symphony for

Vivaldi's Gloria and a piece by Gabriel Fauré.

Humphries directs the symphony and Debra Lynn directs the choir.

Tickets are \$15 general admission; free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as all students age 18 and younger.

Founded in 1939, the symphony is an enduring Wabash County collaboration that brings together professional and community musicians, along with selected Manchester faculty, staff and student musicians.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

University says it can't fire professor for 'bigoted' remarks

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — A professor at Indiana University who defended "racist, sexist, and homophobic" comments that he posted on his social media accounts will keep his job because his views are protected under the Constitution, university officials announced after they were bombarded with demands to fire him.

Eric Rasmussen, a professor of business economics and public policy at the university, tweeted this month a quote from an article that said, "geniuses are overwhelmingly male because they combine outlier IQ with moderately low Agreeableness and Moderately low Conscientiousness." The article, titled, "Are Women Destroying Academia? Probably" was published by The Unz Review, which describes itself as a publication that presents "controversial perspectives largely excluded from the American mainstream media."

"Professor Eric Rasmussen has, for many years, used his private social media accounts to disseminate his racist, sexist, and homophobic views," said university Executive Vice President and Provost Lauren Robel in

a letter.

"I condemn, in the strongest terms, Professor Rasmussen's views on race, gender, and sexuality, and I think others should condemn them," adding his views are "stunningly ignorant" and "bigoted."

A Twitter account with a large following tweeted the professor's post, which garnered 4,000 retweets and nearly 30,000 likes — capturing the university's attention.

But this isn't the first time the tenured professor posted such rhetoric on his private social media accounts.

Robel said Rasmussen has "slurred" women and said they don't belong in academia. Rasmussen posted that gay men don't belong in academia, either, because they're "promiscuous" and abuse students, according to Robel's letter.

Robel said Rasmussen posted that black students are unqualified to attend elite institutions and are inferior academically to white students.

Rasmussen responded to the university's letter Thursday, doubling down on his views.

He defended his use of the word "slut," stood by his po-

sition that gay men shouldn't teach because they prey on students and called affirmative action corrupt.

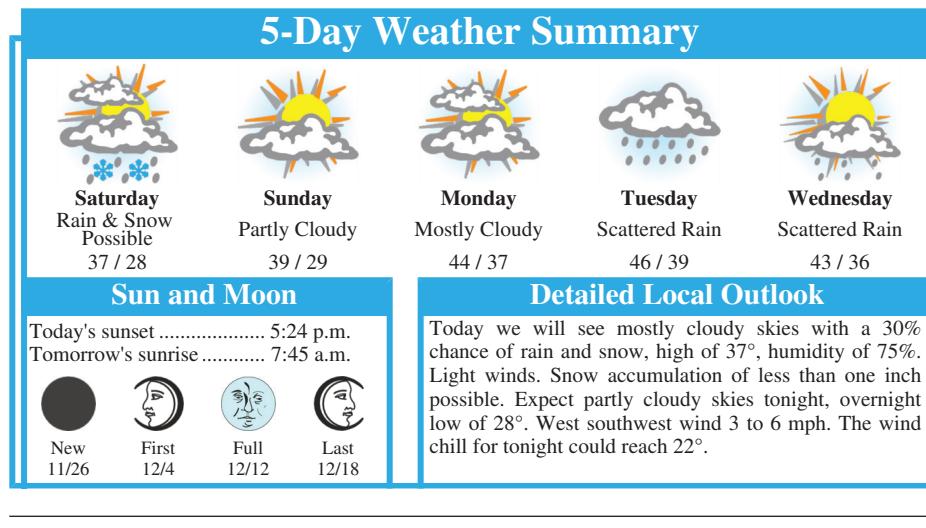
"The whole idea of affirmative action is that too few black students (would) get in without racial preferences, so we need to lower the standard for them and accept that they will do worse academically," he said.

Meanwhile, Robel said that the university can't and won't fire Rasmussen, employed at the university since 1992, for the posts "as vile and stupid as they are, because the First Amendment of the United States Constitution forbids us to do so."

But Rasmussen would be in violation of the university's nondiscrimination policy if he acts upon his views in the workplace, Robel noted.

The university is allowing students to transfer out of his classes and implemented a blind grading system where students can anonymously submit assignments to him. It will also review Rasmussen's courses for influences of bias.

Rasmussen said the university is encouraging bias by cracking down on his opinions and "condemning a dissident professor."

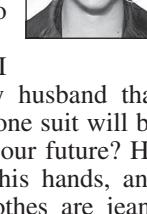


Cheap husband doesn't want to buy suit

DEAR HARRIETTE: My husband is a cheapskate. He does not like to spend money on anything extra — especially clothes. For this reason, he has been wearing the same clothes for years. Normally that doesn't matter, but we have a couple of big events to attend, and he does not have the proper clothing to wear to them. He needs a suit. The last time we bought one was probably 10 years ago, which is way more than 10 pounds ago. He tried on his suit recently, and he couldn't button the jacket.

Harriette Cole

Sense & Sensitivity



I support you and your family in this way. Do not take for granted that he will comply. When and if he does, be obvious with your gratitude so that he has no doubts about your sincerity.

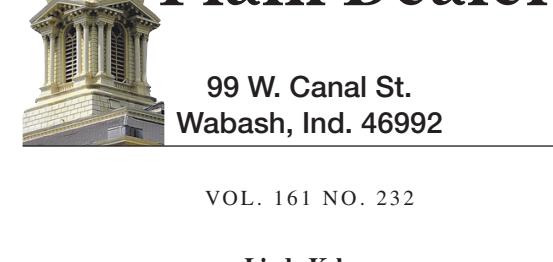
DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a new boyfriend who is a lot of fun. He enjoys taking me out to dinner, movies and other social activities. I like spending time with him doing these things, but I also like my quiet time. I am a reader, and I like to carve out time every day to read a little bit. He, on the other hand, does not read at all. He watches cable news and reads a bit of online news, but that's it. He doesn't have patience for my reading. He doesn't like to sit still for too long. When I curl up with a book, he is ready to leave. I don't intend to stop

being a reader. How do you suggest we work through this difference in behavior?

— Not a Reader

DEAR NOT A READER: Your boyfriend's lack of interest in reading does not have to be a deal breaker. You do enjoy many activities together. Perhaps you can designate a certain period of time as "private time," during which you can read or do whatever else you may like while he finds what he would like to do alone. Agree with him that your reading time is important and you are happy to give him space for his own activities.

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Trump denigrates U.S. diplomats, pushes conspiracy theories

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Offering his own take on five long days of public hearings, President Donald Trump brushed off the impeachment inquiry as "total nonsense" on Friday and bad-mouthed a number of the U.S. diplomats who testified to Congress about his Ukraine pressure campaign.

In one breath, Trump said House Democrats looked like "fools" during the hearings on Capitol Hill. In another, he offered a window into his political strategy ahead of an expected House vote to impeach him. If that happens, the Senate would hold a trial on whether to oust him from office.

"I think we had a tremendous week with the hoax," Trump said at the White House.

At the same time, he talked up debunked conspiracy theories that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election, speaking just one day after a former White House adviser testified that the claim was a "fictional narrative" that played into the hands of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump also repeated claims that Obama administration officials spied on his campaign and underscored the need to keep Republicans unified against impeachment.

"I don't think I've ever seen support in the Republican party like we do right now," he said.

In a 57-minute, animated phone interview on "Fox &

Friends," Trump said he did not expect to be impeached. But he added that if the House did vote to impeach him, he would welcome a trial in the Republican-led Senate.

"Frankly, I want a trial," he said.

A trial, he said, would give Republicans a chance to question Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who led the hearings as chairman of the House intelligence committee. Procedures for a Senate trial still are being worked out, but Republicans may well be hesitant to adopt Trump's idea of turning a lawmaker into a witness.

"I want to see Adam Schiff testify about the whistleblower, who is a fake whistleblower," the president said, adding that he knows the identity of the whistleblower whose formal complaint launched the impeachment.

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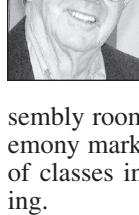
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'It's all history now'

November was a good month for education in Wabash 125 years ago with the long-awaited opening of the gleaming new Wabash High School at the corner of Cass and Hill streets and the initial classes of a private school known as the Wabash Business College.

Pete Jones

On Nov. 26, 1894, pupils and teachers alike gathered in the school's assembly room for a brief ceremony marking the first day of classes in the new building.

"It would be different to find a more contented lot of citizens than they," remarked the Plain Dealer.

The newspaper noted that, "A handsome new flag flies from the flagstaff high atop the school's tower. It can be seen from nearly any part of the city."

The construction of the building was a hotly contested matter in Wabash,

but arguments of community leaders such as Dr. J.H. Ford, John Bruner and Mayor H.D. Bannister carried the day. When the issue came before the City Council, which then had jurisdiction over many school matters, it was Bannister who, as mayor, cast the deciding vote which broke a tie among the six councilmen present that evening.

Many citizens complained that spending on the school was extravagant and that the new tax would be too great a burden. When the final bills were tallied, the handsome and well-built structure cost about \$35,000.

High school classes first

and Main streets.

The week before the new school opened for business, John Bruner led a Plain Dealer reporter through the building. The structure clearly dazzled the newsman, who wrote, "A thing of beauty. That's what the new Wabash High School is."

He noted that students in the seventh and eighth grades would occupy the building along with those of the four high school grades. The 108-foot tower caught the writer's attention: "A staircase leads to the tower where there is a room measuring 12-feet by 12-feet. There are 12 windows in this room, which will be furnished with a large telescope for making observations."

Grades 8 through 12 occupied the building until the present high school on Miami Street opened in the 1920s. Only the four high school classes moved into the Miami Street structure, and the seventh- and eighth-grade classes stayed behind in what became known as Wabash Junior High School.

In its last few years, the old

high school building passed into private hands before it met the wrecking ball some two decades ago. Today, the site where the school once stood is owned by the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, which is on the northeast corner of the busy intersection.

The Wabash Business College didn't fare as well as the new high school building. A dozen or so young adults showed up for the initial classes which were on the second floor of what was then Beitman's Store, later known as Beitman and Wolf, on the northeast corner of Miami and Canal Streets. A man identified in the newspapers of the time only as "Mr. Keller" ran and presumably owned the school.

News about the Wabash Business College pops up from time to time in the old papers, but the institution lasted but a few semesters.

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that's fine. That's the way the system works," said Westercamp.

Though, Westercamp did mention Hill's decision to spend about \$300,000 on renovating his Statehouse office and buying a van to serve as a mobile office. Documents show the remodeling of Republican Attorney General Curtis Hill's office includes \$78,000 for new furniture and \$71,000 for historic replica painting. Hill and about 15 staffers work from the six-room office, according to an August 2017 story in the Indianapolis Star.

Hill also bought a van for nearly \$31,000 that's now emblazoned with his name, according to the Associated Press.

"I wouldn't be spending money on the prestige items like artwork and renovations on the office, because I don't think that helps the taxpayer," he said. "So, that's one difference between me and the current administration."

The taxpayer as the client

Westercamp is a business attorney at Bose McKinney & Evans LLP. He focuses his practice on representing small

and medium-sized Hoosier companies in business transactions. Westercamp grew up in Greenwood and now lives in Zionsville with his wife, Tarrah.

Westercamp negotiates and drafts contracts relating to corporate governance, real estate, and the purchase and sale of equity and other assets. He also advises clients on regulatory matters including tax, securities and antitrust regulations.

"The biggest philosophy that I want to bring to the attorney general's office is that the client comes first," he said. "Politicians are supposed to be public servants, but attorneys have a special fiduciary responsibility to their client.

So, if I'm elected attorney general, it's going to be very clear that I'm not the boss. The boss is the state of Indiana, and it's our job and the office to defend the interests of the state. That means we come second."

Westercamp graduated law school from Indiana University in Bloomington with honors. He also graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in finance with honors.

"The oath that I would be taking would be to uphold

the constitution of the United States and defend the laws of the state of Indiana and the state is the client. And the state sets what the policies are that need to be defended, and just like I represent small

and medium-size Hoosier business in private practice, I don't set the agenda for their business objectives. I tell them the best way to execute those objectives within the bounds of the law and the constitution and so my fidelity is to upholding the public policy of the state and if the federal government invades that public policy, then I'll defend the state's rights," he said.

Learning from others

Before working at Bose, Westercamp worked for a federal judge, an Indiana Supreme Court justice, and an Indiana Court of Appeals judge. He has also worked for Indiana Speaker of the House Brian Bosma and Senator Dick Lugar.

Westercamp said he admired Sen. Lugar because of his civility.

"Why he stands out for his longevity is he reached across not only the partisan aisle, but he reached out to our geopolitical adversaries and was able to, in the example of the Russians, dismantle

thousands of nuclear weap-

ons as a result of that, which led to greater world security because of dismantling these submarine-based nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles," he said.

'Balance of federalism'

When asked why he decided to run this time around, Westercamp mentioned the Democratic presidential nominees' proposals increasing the size of government.

"The attorney general plays

a critical role in maintaining the balance of federalism and I think it's important that those whom much is given, much is demanded and so I'm eager to serve and to defend the interests of the state of Indiana and Hoosiers," he said.

Westercamp said one of his core convictions was financial stewardship.

"It's not the government's money. It's the taxpayer's money. And there are two different ways to look at it. You can say, like Democratic presidential candidates, we're giving you this much money and we're taking this percentage of your wealth because we're entitled to it.

Or you can look at it from the perspective of it's the people's money and we should be good financial stewards of it, so that's a top priority of mine," he said.

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Christian Heritage Church plans annual Thanksgiving dinner

The annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community has been planned from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28 at Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. Carry-out and delivery will also be available. For delivery call 260-569-7710. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, address and number of meals needed. These dinners will be provided free for all.

BMV announces Thanksgiving holiday hours

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Winter Banner Competition artwork displayed

The students' artwork will hang in the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center through Sunday, Dec. 1.

Cami Shrock concert planned for Dec. 1

Cami Shrock will be in concert at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge but seating is limited. A love offering will be received for the ministry of Cami Shrock. Following the concert, there will be a carry-in dinner at the REMC conference room. Meat, drinks and

tableware will be furnished. For additional information, call 260-563-5346.

'It's a Wonderful Life' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"It's a Wonderful Life" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

Salamonie Preschool program 'B is for Bird Beak,' set for Dec. 3

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "B is for Bird Beak" from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127.

Woman's Clubhouse plans evening Christmas dinner

Don't forget the Christmas evening dinner Thursday, Dec. 5. It is the annual holiday fundraiser with a very special dinner and entertainment. The house will be decorated in an angel theme this year. Contact Carol McDonald by phone at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 for more information.

Museum to host Family Fun Night

The Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will host a Family Fun Night on Friday, Dec. 6, featuring a visit from Santa Claus.

The Polar Express' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"The Polar Express" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 in the

Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet planned

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will be hosting Christmas at the Museum Annual Banquet.

'White Christmas' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"White Christmas" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

DivorceCare presents 'Surviving the Holidays' series

The DivorceCare support group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13, will be offering a DVD series "Surviving the Holidays" through Tuesday, Dec. 17. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Richland United Methodist Women hold November meeting

Staff Report

Richland United Methodist Women met Nov. 6 at the church for their monthly meeting. Members recited the UMW Purpose followed by President Amy Lauer reading the opening devotions titled, "God is Everywhere" and the prayer.

Ruth Dyson introduced the program given by Janet Shoue of Friends in Service Here (FISH). The organization began around 30 years ago and serves Wabash County. This Christian-based organization served approximately 325 families in October. Besides food, FISH has clothing, some books, miscellaneous household items and in-season fruit and vegetables. Families may receive help once a month. A question and answer time followed. Volunteers are welcome. Also, scriptures about sharing food, especially bread, were read by members.

The ladies voiced things they were grateful for this day as they placed their offerings in a basket. A prayer concluded the lesson.

Reports were given by Vickie Thrush and Ruth Dyson. Ten members answered roll call with a mission they support.

Members voted to send pledge money to Northwest District UMW. Eleven missions will also receive funds this year. Items for All Worthy of Love will be welcome in the Wilson Sunday School Room.

The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at Cindi Price's home. Roll call response will be a favorite Christmas story.

Prayer closed the meeting with Carolyn Maxwell adding humor about God's joy, being a comforter and God's word from Women of Faith. The group prayer preceded refreshments by Sylvia Sriver.

At 94 and 96, Terre Haute sisters still exercise every week

BY LISA TRIGG
Tribune-Star

TERRE HAUTE — Twenty minutes of treadmill.

Twenty minutes on a step-
per.

And 20 minutes of arm
cranks.

Add in some exercise bike
at home.

Twice a week, every week.

Those are important pre-
scriptions for two sisters in
their 90s who credit their
good health to their regular
workouts.

Wanda Morris, 94, and
Wilma Heady, 96, usually
work out together at the car-
dio rehab unit at Union Hos-
pital. The exercise, they both
agree, has kept them active
and in better shape physical-
ly and mentally than if they
had slowed down as they got
older.

"It keeps you moving,"
Morris said on Thursday
during a brief break from the
treadmill. "I just enjoy it."

The sisters grew up on their
family's farm near Riley, and
they recall working hard to
help their father and brothers
with milking the cows and
other chores around the farm.

"We were farm girls and I
loved gardening, so I've al-
ways been active," said Mor-
ris.

In fact, she still lives on
the farm that has been in her
family since 1885.

Like her younger sister,
Heady also enjoyed garden-
ing as a hobby until a few
years ago.

They both said they were
never much for intentionally
exercising until they experi-
enced some health concerns.

Morris had a heart attack
in 2008 and had three stents
placed in her heart. As part
of her recovery, her doctor
sent her to the 12-week car-
diac rehab program. And that
began her experience with
regular workouts.

"You get to know a lot of
people," Morris said of the
others using the equipment
in the rehab area. "I'm just
surprised there's not as many
women here, because they
can benefit from it."

After her initial 12 weeks,
Morris moved into "main-
tenance" status for heart pa-
tients who want to continue
their workouts.

It was Morris who talked
her older sister into getting
on the treadmills.

Heady developed a heart
valve issue about four years
ago that resulted in her doc-
tor sending her to cardiac
rehab, too. And her sister's
encouragement helped get
her moving.

"She talked me into it be-
cause she had been going so
long," Heady said. "At 96
years old, you need some ex-

ercise. Otherwise, I'd be sit-
ting in the house with nothing
to do."

Heady said she had an ex-
ercise bike at home, but she
didn't care to use it because
she was alone.

The fellowship with other
patients at the rehab center
is one reason Heady likes
going.

Both sisters have also
learned that they recover
faster from other ailments
due to their cardiac regimen.

Two months ago, Heady
had 10 inches of her colon
removed after her doctor found
a mass in her colon. She not
only survived the procedure,
she was able to return to regu-
lar exercise just a few weeks
later, even though she took

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Federal addiction treatment dollars off-limits for marijuana

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON

AP Medical Writer

The U.S. government is barring federal dollars meant for opioid addiction treatment to be used on medical marijuana.

The move is aimed at states that allow marijuana for medical uses, particularly those letting patients with opioid addiction use pot as a treatment, said Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, whose federal agency doles out money to states for treatment programs.

"There's zero evidence for that," McCance-Katz said. "We felt that it was time to make it clear we did not want individuals receiving funds for treatment services to be exposed to marijuana and somehow given the impression that it's a treatment."

It's the latest example of the legal standoff between federal and state governments on marijuana. While cannabis is considered an illegal drug by federal officials, 33 states allow patients, with a doctor's approval, to use it for medical purposes. About a dozen allow recreational use, too.

The new restriction applies to the federal government's two main grant programs for opioid treatment and an older grant program that supports state efforts to treat alcoholism and drug addiction. The rule affects billions of dollars from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Last week, federal officials held a phone call with state officials to spell out the restriction: Grant money can't be used to directly or indirectly buy marijuana or permit treatment with pot. The rule also applies to using marijuana to treat mental health disorders.

It does not apply to grants from other federal agencies for research on medical marijuana.

Addiction treatment programs must document their efforts to urge patients to stop if they are currently using marijuana for mental health disorders or addiction, or the programs risk losing fed-

eral money, McCance-Katz said.

Each state decides which ailments are on their medical marijuana lists. Many allow patients, with a doctor's approval, to use it for chronic pain and symptoms of multiple sclerosis, where there is good scientific evidence. Other states have approved health conditions with less scientific backing, like post-traumatic stress disorder or anxiety, swayed by firsthand experience from residents.

The evidence that marijuana helps some patients use fewer opioids comes from anecdotal reports or surveys of drug users, which is not the type of research that can prove cause and effect. Earlier this year, a study shot down the notion that medical marijuana laws can prevent opioid overdose deaths, challenging a favorite talking point of legal pot advocates.

Yet, the ongoing overdose crisis has caused New York, New Jersey and other states to turn to marijuana on the premise that pot "is far less risky than injecting heroin or fentanyl, so why not try it?" said Leo Beletsky, a public health policy expert at Northeastern University in Boston.

In 2018, Pennsylvania became the first state to add opioid use disorder to its medical marijuana list. Gov. Tom Wolf, in an announcement of the decision, also designated eight universities to conduct research on marijuana's use for that and other medical conditions.

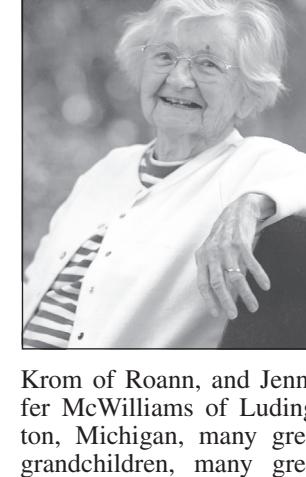
It is too early to tell if the new federal rule will affect care, said Rachel Kostelac, spokeswoman for Pennsylvania's Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

"But we will continue to monitor to ensure individuals are receiving appropriate treatment to combat the opioid epidemic."

New Mexico, which added opioid use disorder in June, determined that no federal money was going toward marijuana-related treatment, said David Morgan, spokesman for the state's Department of Health.

Leanore Elizabeth Krom

Sept. 27, 1915 - Nov. 21, 2019



Leanore Elizabeth Krom, 104, of North Manchester, Indiana, formerly of rural Urbana, died at 9:20 am, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 at Timbercrest Healthcare in North Manchester. She was born Sept. 27, 1915 in Wabash County, Indiana to Bert and Nora (Ebbinghouse) Ogden.

Leanore first married Joe Carroll on Jan. 30, 1938; he died on June 1, 1958. She then married Hubert Krom in Wabash County on Oct. 4, 1963; he died Nov. 28, 2012. She was a member of the Roann Christian Church, where she played the piano and organ, and was a former member of the Ijamesville United Methodist Church. She and her husband Joe owned Carroll Sundries in Laketon, Indiana from 1947-1958, and she was a piano teacher in her home 40 years. She also volunteered at the Roann Library, and the Wabash Hospital Gift Shop. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ and played them beautifully, and also enjoyed gardening and reading.

She is survived by 2 children, Lynn (Daniel) Knee

of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Jim (Carol) Krom of North Manchester, daughter-in-law, Nancy Krom of Wabash, 8 grandchildren, Erin (Mike) Dougherty of Novi, Michigan, Chris (Bev) Krom of Panhandle, Texas, Tony (Rosie) Krom, Terry (Carla) Krom, and Todd (Lisa) Krom, all of Wabash, Ken (Carla) Krom of Liberty, Indiana, Jeff (Kaye)

Krom of Roann, and Jennifer McWilliams of Ludington, Michigan, many great grandchildren, many great great grandchildren, and her sister, Bertha Butterbaugh of North Manchester. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son Jack Krom, grandson, Mark Knee, great grandson Joshua Krom, 1 brother, and 5 sisters.

Funeral services will be 2:30 pm Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East Street, North Manchester, with Pastor Kent Harting and Chaplain Laura Stone officiating. Burial will be in Laketon Cemetery, Laketon.

Friends may call 1 - 2:30 pm Friday at Timbercrest Chapel. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorials are Roann Christian Church or Ijamesville United Methodist Church.

The memorial guest book for Leanore may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Tyler T. Shafer

Dec. 10, 1978 - Nov. 18, 2019

Tyler T. Shafer, 40 passed away Nov. 18, 2019. Born Dec. 10, 1978 in Wabash, Indiana he was the son of Charles R. and Charlene (Taylor) Shafer.

Tyler graduated from Southwood High School in Wabash in 1997 where he played football and wrestled. He was baptized in Jan. 1979 and confirmed in April

1991 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wabash.

Survivors include his daughter, parents and brother.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Max and Annabel Taylor and Robert and Evelyn Shafer.

Woodlawn Life Celebration Centre were entrusted with services. www.woodlawnfamilyfuneral.com

Lucretia 'Jean' Wright

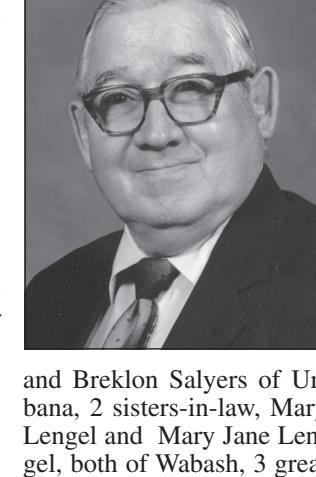
Funeral services for Lucretia "Jean" Wright, 78, of Wabash, were 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, at the Wabash Christian Church. Pastor Haley Asberry and Pastor Tom True officiated, Judy Ward was the pianist, Abigail Denman, Julia Stephens, and Jennifer Denney

were the vocalists. Pallbearers

were Samuel Denman, Zach Denman, Isaac Cooper, Marcus Wells, Preston Ritzema, Roger Votaw, and Jim Widner. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Leon Edward, 'Junior' Lengel, Jr

Aug. 6, 1924 - Nov. 21, 2019



Leon Edward, "Junior" Lengel, Jr., 95, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:45 pm, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 at his home. He was born Aug. 6, 1924 in Huntington, Indiana to Leon Edward, Sr. and Catherine (Smith) Lengel.

Junior married Betty M. Burke in East Pemming, Michigan on July 17, 1943. He retired from Diehl Machine in Wabash, after 44 years. He was a member of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed sharpening knives, lawn mower blades, ice augers and making all kinds of trinkets, especially fire starters. Jr. also enjoyed carpentry work and spending time on Long Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Marie Lengel of Wabash, 2 children, Larry (Debbie) Lengel of North Manchester, Indiana, and Sue (Bill) Bilbee of Wabash, 5 grandchildren, Jeff (Kris Steele) Figert of Wabash, Michael (Kim Rowe) Figert of Urbana, Indiana, Heather (John) Ziko of Wabash, Megan (Joseph Michael) Petro of Lafontaine, Indiana, and Julie (Vince) Holley of Wabash, 9 great-grandchildren, Mitch (Sylvia) Figert of Wabash, Chris (Chelsea) Figert of Muncie, Indiana, Jacob Figert of Wabash, Wyatt Brown of Greenville, North Carolina, Grant Petro, Bailey Petro, and Madison Petro, all of Lafontaine, Indiana, Alexis Hyden of Wabash

and Brekton Salyers of Urbana, 2 sisters-in-law, Mary Lengel and Mary Jane Lengel, both of Wabash, 3 great great grandchildren, Haylee Figert, Hayden Figert, and Haynes Figert, all of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers Richard, Donald, and Walter Lengel and his sister Jeannette Greer.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Kirk Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

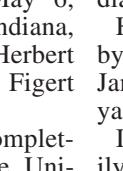
Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Historical Museum.

The memorial guest book for Junior may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Chip Kim Baumbauer

May 6, 1955 - Nov. 14, 2019



Chip Kim Baumbauer, 64, of Columbus, passed away unexpectedly at 2:02 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Chip was born May 6, 1955, in Wabash, Indiana, the son of Charles Herbert and Reberta Geneva Figert Baumbauer.

Mr. Baumbauer completed a year at Purdue University (on the Dean's list, enrolled in the Physics program) in West Lafayette, Indiana, and then completed a 3 year apprenticeship training program in maintenance at Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana, California. He was currently working as a technician at Dorel Juvenile Group in Columbus. He was a voracious reader and loved movies.

Survivors include his son,

Chris Baumbauer of Oakland, California; daughter, Lauren Baumbauer of Long Beach, California; brother, Tim Baumbauer of Wabash, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Davis and sister, Tanja Barnhouse.

In keeping with the family's wishes, cremation will take place and there are no services planned at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Lung Association (lung.org).

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with Chip's family at barkesweavergluck.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home.

Stainless steel, broken glass and buzz, Tesla makes a pickup

BY RACHEL LERMAN
and CATHY BUSSEWITZ
AP Writers

The much-hyped unveiling of Tesla's electric pickup truck went off script Thursday night when supposedly unbreakable window glass splintered twice when hit with a large metal ball.

The failed stunt, which

ranks high on the list of embarrassing auto industry roll-

outs, came just after CEO

Elon Musk bragged about

the strength of "Tesla Armor

Glass" on the wedge-shaped

"Cybertruck."

On a Los Angeles-area

stage with Musk, Tesla design

chief Franz von Holzhausen

hurled a softball-sized

metal ball at the driver's side

window to demonstrate the

strength of the glass, which

Musk called "Transparent

Metal Glass." It shattered.

"Oh my ... God," Musk said,

uttering an expletive. "Maybe

that was a little too hard."

They tried it a second time

on the left passenger window,

which spider-cracked again.

Musk recovered with a one-

liner: "At least it didn't go through. That's a plus side."

The failure overshadowed the truck's slick unveiling, with some analysts panning its looks. The truck, a stainless-steel covered triangle, resembles the much derided Pontiac Aztek SUV sold by General Motors in the early 2000s.

Investors apparently didn't like the stunts or the truck's futuristic design, which is aimed at getting a foothold in the most profitable part of the U.S. auto market. Tesla shares fell almost 6 percent in midday trading Friday.

Tesla's Cybertruck reveal will likely disappoint current pickup truck owners, and we see the vehicle remaining a niche and not a mainstream product," Cowen Investment Research analyst Jeffrey Osborne wrote in a note to investors. "While we are pleased to see Tesla enter the most profitable segment of the North American passenger car market, we do not see this vehicle in its current form being a success."

Over the years, such stunts have been common at highly rehearsed auto industry unveilings. But there have been some embarrassing mishaps.

At Detroit's auto show earlier this year, an Infiniti concept electric SUV missed its introduction when it wouldn't start and the company couldn't move it onto the stage.

Perhaps the most famous miscue came in Detroit in 2008 when Chrysler showed off the new Ram pickup truck with a cattle drive outside the convention center. But some of the cattle started mating, drawing attention away from the vehicle.

"You can rehearse it 100 times, and the 101st is the time you do it before the public and it fails," said Bud Liebler, who was head of marketing and communications at Chrysler from 1980 through 2001.

He was in charge when Chrysler became famous for auto-show stunts, including driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee up the entry steps and through the front windows of

Detroit's convention center in the 1990s.

Liebler said he considers the Tesla event a "fiasco," but said Musk did the only thing he could when the glass broke. He joked about it and continued on with the show. "It's got to be an embarrassment," Liebler said.

With the Cybertruck, Tesla was aiming for Detroit's profit machine, the full-sized pickup.

The truck came onstage with lasers and flames, and a demonstration of its stainless steel skin developed by Musk's SpaceX rocket company went well. Von Holzhausen swung a sledge hammer at the driver's side door, and it bounced away harmlessly without any damage.

Musk said the Cybertruck will start at \$39,900 but a tri-motor, long-range version will have a base price of \$69,900. It will have a battery range of between 250 miles and more than 500 miles and will be able to tow up to 14,000 pounds. Tesla says the truck can go from

zero to 60 mph (97 kph) in 2.9 seconds.

The electric pickup truck will be in production in 2021, Musk said.

With the truck, Tesla is gunning for buyers with fierce brand loyalty.

Many pickup truck buyers stick with the same brand for life, choosing a truck based on what their mom or dad drove or what they decided was the toughest model, said Erik Gordon, a professor at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

"They're very much creatures of habit," Gordon said. Getting a loyal Ford F-150 buyer to consider switching to another brand such as a Chevy Silverado, "it's like asking him to leave his family," he said.

Tesla's pickup is more likely to appeal to weekend warriors who want an electric vehicle that can handle some outdoor adventure. And it could end up cutting into Tesla's electric vehicle sedan sales instead of winning over traditional pickup

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Matthew 23:12

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No help on the way for homelessness problem

The Trump administration fired a top homelessness official last week, the latest in a series of supposed omens that the president plans to do more on the issue. While the prospect of more federal assistance would be welcome in California, home to a quarter of the nation's homeless and nearly half those without shelter, President Trump's record does not suggest that help is on the way.

Matthew Doherty, an Obama administration holdover who was executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, wrote on Twitter Friday that he was leaving "at the administration's request." No further announcement followed, but an unnamed administration official told the Washington Post that the White House is still plotting the same amorphous "crackdown" on

homelessness that it has been threatening for months.

A recent report by the White House Council of Economic Advisers nonetheless floated similarly punitive strategies to protect California's doorways from the people who are forced to sleep in them. The council suggested that more policing and fewer shelters could mitigate homelessness — which, if true, would have eliminated the problem in California long ago. The report also questioned the "housing first" strategy broadly endorsed by experts, including the federal agency whose top official was ousted last week.

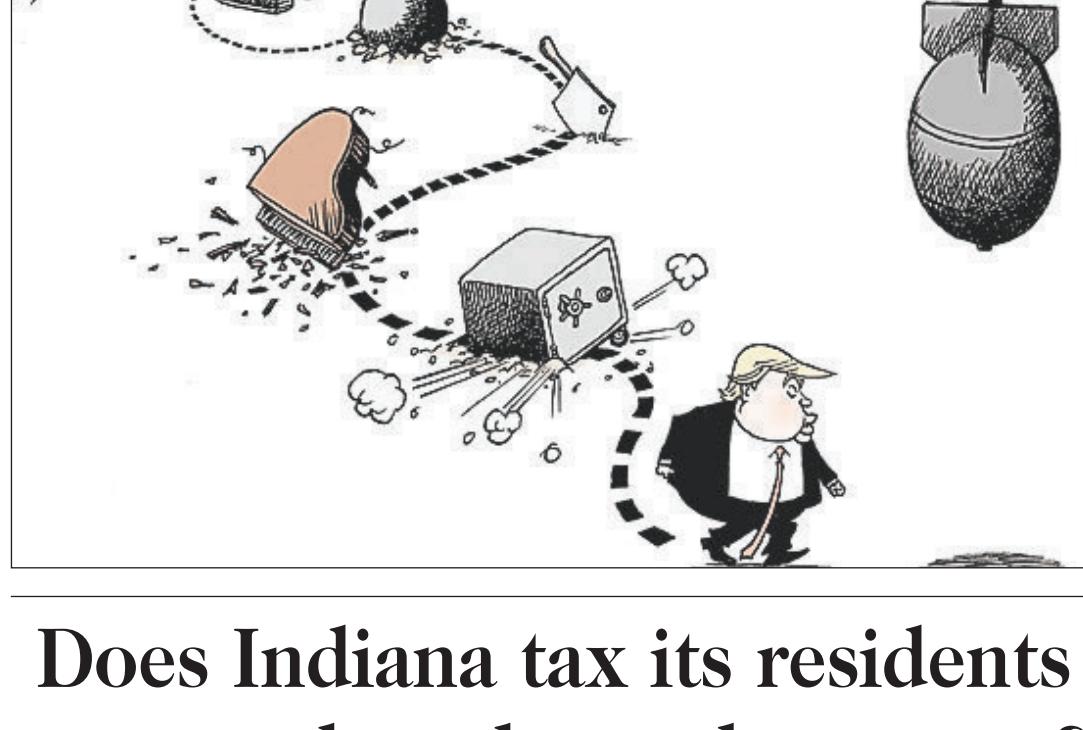
That's not to say the administration has been wrong about every facet of the issue. The economic advisers, a presidential executive order and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson have all

correctly noted the role of zoning and other development restrictions in California homelessness.

A minority of the state's prominent Democratic officials and several of the party's presidential candidates have also proposed easing such barriers, which have saddled the state with the worst housing shortage on the U.S. mainland and left more vulnerable residents unable to afford a home. But local officials and homeowners across the political spectrum jealously guard their power to obstruct development.

On that front, despite their endlessly professed enmity, the Trump administration and California's Democratic establishment are united in having accomplished little of substance.

A version of this editorial was first published in The San Francisco Chronicle.



Does Indiana tax its residents more or less than other states?

BY MARYANN O. KEATING

Larry DeBorg and Tamara Ogle of Purdue University presented a comprehensive webinar last month entitled "On Local Government: A Look at State and Local Taxes in Indiana." It is worthwhile summarizing a few of their findings.

The webinar, sponsored by Community Development Extension, asked, "How high or low are Indiana's taxes compared with other states?" It analyzed Indiana's tax regime both in terms of economic incentives and in taxes paid by low income households.

In 2016, residents in Indiana's four surrounding states paid higher percentages of their personal income in state and local taxes. Hoosiers, like those in Texas and Utah, remitted approximately 8.5 percent to 10 percent of their incomes to local and state government. Those living in New York, North Dakota, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Vermont paid 11 percent or more.

However, Indiana's 7 percent sales-tax rate is tied for 2nd highest in the U.S. Indiana relies more heavily on general sales taxes than most other states. Except for groceries, the Indiana sales tax is widely applied to most goods and services. A wide sales-tax base is desirable given economists' fear of distortions resulting from exemptions granted certain industries.

Fortunately, local cities or counties within Indiana do not have a sales tax in addition to the general sales tax. Indiana is also less likely than other states to depend on selective miscellaneous or motor vehicle taxes.

Indiana's income tax is a flat tax, meaning that higher income households pay more but at the same rate as lower income households. Although Indiana remains in the bottom third of states relying on income-tax revenue, it is one of the few states in which some towns and counties assess an additional local income tax.

Local property tax rates in Indiana are capped, but obviously the amount paid depends heav-

ily on how property is assessed. Property values in Indiana tend to be low relative to the rest of the country, and the amount collected as a percent of home values is 0.82 percent. This is well below the average U.S. rate.

A chart breaks down the shares of total tax revenue collected by various types of state and local taxes in Indiana and for the whole of the U.S. It shows that compared with Indiana, states as a whole depend more on property and less on sales taxes.

It shows as well that the share paid on individual and corporate income taxes exceeds that of the U.S. as a whole.

The Purdue webinar went on to show that Indiana taxes are pretty evenly balanced between types of taxes as compared with states such as New Hampshire with no general sales tax but raising 65 percent of its state and local revenue with property taxes.

Taxes should have low collection costs for both taxpayers and government. In addition, taxes can be evaluated on two criteria: first, on non-interference with household and business private decision-making; and secondly, on fairness both in terms of services received and in not contributing to income inequality. Two organizations that evaluate state and local taxes are the Tax Foundation and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP).

The Tax Foundation in 2019 rated Indiana 10th best of all states in having a healthy business climate. Indiana achieved this ranking for the most part due to relatively low rates applied broadly and for having flat rates on individual and corporate income.

On the other hand, ITEP ranks Indiana 12th worse in terms of promoting post-tax income equality. The 20 percent of Indiana households at the bottom of the income scale pay between 12 and 13 percent of their before-transfer income in state and local income taxes; whereas the high income top 20 percent of households pay somewhere between 7 and 8 percent. The

difference to a large degree results from Indiana's reliance on regressive sales taxes. Lower income people spend rather than save and hence pay a higher share of their income in sales taxes. In addition, Indiana does not compensate for its regressive sales tax with progressive higher income-tax rates. Indiana does, however, offer a refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

Indiana ranks above neighboring states, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, in terms of Business Tax Climate and above Illinois in terms of ITEP's Tax Equality Ranking. The Purdue study singles out Utah for further analysis, because it manages to attain the same relatively high ranking as Indiana on Business Climate but ranks much higher in terms of Tax Equality.

Utah's low income families benefit from income-tax credits and deductions and a lower sales-tax rate.

Factors unrelated to tax structure can affect the variation in taxes paid as a percentage of income between low- and high-income households. For example, Utah's pre-tax median income is relatively high allowing some lower income households to save as well as spend. Also, pre-tax income equality in Utah exceeds that of any other state in the country; thus, differences between households in the percentages of income paid in state and local taxes tend to be smaller.

How state and local spending reallocates income between households is a completely different story and beyond the scope of how tax revenue is collected. Hoosiers need to decide the extent to which both the state and local tax and spending regimes reflect personal priorities.

Meanwhile, we might derive some satisfaction in knowing that as a percentage of personal income we presently enjoy relatively low taxes compared with other states and the country in general.

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Democrats' bombshells aren't exploding

As we enter week two of the House impeachment inquiry, it seems pretty clear that Democrats are suffering a massive ordnance failure. Their "bombshells" are not exploding.

The first unexploded bombshell came when acting ambassador to Ukraine William B. Taylor Jr. testified that a member of his embassy staff had overheard a cellphone conversation between President Trump and Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, in a Kyiv restaurant in which Trump discussed the need for Ukrainian officials to pursue "investigations." Aha, Democrats cried! A firsthand witness could now testify they heard Trump pressing the Ukrainians for investigations.

Um, so what? Trump had already released a rough transcript of his call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in which he had pressed him for investigations. The overheard call told us nothing we did not already know. Indeed, the only one likely to get in trouble from this revelation is Sondland, who violated operational security by calling the president in public on an unsecure cellphone.

How about former Ukraine ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's testimony? We learned that Trump fired her without explanation (which as president he had every right to do) and besmirched her reputation. Yes, Trump treated her horribly, but being a jerk is not an impeachable offense.

Then, as though to prove the point, Trump attacked her on Twitter as she was testifying, writing, "Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad." Democrats pounced, trying to turn Trump's blunder into a new charge of "witness intimidation." Please. Witness intimidation is defined as "the threatening of a crucial court witness by pressure or extortion to compel him/her to not to testify." Yovanovitch had already been fired as ambassador and was in the process of testifying. No bombshell there, either.

Then on Tuesday, Democrats asked Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman about his assertion that Zelensky had mentioned "Burisma" in his call with Trump, even though the word was not in the transcript released to the public. The suggestion was that the transcript had been doctored. Vindman testified that it was "not a significant omission" and that the career staff who produce the transcripts simply "didn't catch the word." In other words, there was no bombshell scrubbing of the transcript.

They got nothing damaging from Vice President Pence's Eurasia adviser Jennifer Williams, who testified Tuesday morning that investigations never came up in Pence's meeting with Zelensky in Warsaw. They got nothing from former special envoy Kurt Volker or former National Security Council staffer Tim Morrison on Tuesday afternoon. So after three days of hearings, Democrats have failed to produce anything remotely explosive.

That means they are losing. Polls show the vast majority of Americans agree with Vindman that the Trump-Zelensky call "was inappropriate." They agreed with Vindman before he testified. But only a minority of Americans say Trump's conduct warrants impeachment and removal. And the hearings are not changing their minds. Indeed, support for the impeachment inquiry has ticked down since the hearings began, as has the number of Americans tuning in to watch.

That means Democrats are failing to convince Americans that Trump's misconduct rises to the level of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors. In blackjack, the tie goes to the dealer; in impeachment, the tie goes to the president. If Republicans fight Democrats to a draw, Trump wins.

Indeed, Republicans increasingly seem to believe impeachment will help them at the polls next November. A few weeks ago, Senate Republicans were discussing the possibility of a quick dismissal of any charges sent over by the House. They suggested they might follow the precedent set by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., during the Clinton impeachment trial and offer a motion to dismiss the charges soon after the trial begins. They would need just a simple majority to end the proceedings.

Now, Republican senators appear to be moving in the opposite direction. The Post has reported that there is discussion of drawing out the impeachment trial to keep the six Democratic senators who are running for president trapped in Washington and off the campaign trail. If Republicans thought impeachment was hurting them, there is zero chance they would be talking about an extended trial. As long as they show they are taking their jobs as jurors seriously, an impeachment trial can energize their base and help them keep the Senate and hold the White House.

Indeed, impeachment could be to the 2020 election what the Brett Kavanaugh hearings were to 2018 Senate midterms — except GOP voters see Democrats smearing not just Trump's Supreme Court pick but Trump himself.

That is a message on which Trump will happily run.

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PHOTOS BY ROB BURGESS / Plain Dealer

CART: Santa makes his way to the campus using a golf cart instead of a sleigh.



CHOIR: The Manchester Union High School Choir serenades the crowd with seasonal favorites.

XMAS

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notice at the other end of the mall we're lighting the giant oak leaf on campus," he said, before thanking the planning committee and everyone else who helped to

set up the event.

Alexis Young, chair of the planning committee and senior director of auxiliary services, the ceremony was moved because of the construction for the Chinworth Center.

McFadden then led a countdown, after which the

display was illuminated.

Inside the Funderburg Library, Santa had finally made his way to his throne, with Mrs. Claus close behind. Families lined up out the door to take pictures and deliver their wishes.

"Let's not jump. I'm an old man," he said, to the first

child who approached him.

After pictures, another group made their way to the front of the line.

When asked what he wanted for Christmas, the boy to Santa's right said "a cat."

"A cat?" said Santa. "I got a cat I can give you. He's a barn cat."

MUSIC: Sharon Lehman, choir director, leads the students in a rendition of "Let it Snow."

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Boys basketball - Southwood vs. John Glenn, scrimmage, 12:30 p.m.; Manchester at Bishop Luers, scrimmage, 12:00 p.m.

Girls basketball - Wabash vs. Southern Wells, 7:30 p.m.; Manchester vs. Winamac, 7:45 p.m.; Northfield at Huntington North, 7:30 p.m.

Auburn retiring golden eagle mascot Nova

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Auburn University is retiring its 20-year-old golden eagle mascot two years after it was grounded from flying at football games because of heart disease.

A university statement issued Friday says the bird named Nova is being replaced by another golden eagle named Aurea that will become War Eagle VIII.

A ceremony marking the transition is planned for Auburn's home football game against Samford University on Saturday. Nova has been sidelined since 2017 after being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, which is a chronic heart disease.

A statement by veterinarian Seth Oster says Nova will mostly be restricted to presentations at the university's raptor center.

Aurea is a 5-year-old female with a more than 6.5-foot wingspan. Aurea was brought to the raptor center in 2016 with an injured wing.

President Trump meets at White House with 22 college champion teams

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Friday met with athletes and coaches from 22 collegiate national championship teams.

The traditional honorary White House visit for champion college and pro sports teams has become a politically-loaded event in Trump's presidency.

Some athletes, including members of the World Cup winning women's national soccer team, have declined invitations. Others, like the NBA Golden State Warriors and the NFL Philadelphia Eagles, have been disinited after players criticized the president. Others have warmly embraced Trump.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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BASKETBALL: Wabash's Trenton Daughtry (right) shoots a layup through contact on a fast break during Thursday's scrimmage against Wawasee.

Apaches looking to build on last year's success

BY JACOB RUDE
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Even for a team as experienced as the Apache boys' basketball team is and how talented they're expected to be, even simple lessons could be learned in pre-season scrimmages. Host-ing Wawasee in a first look at both sides of the year, Wabash came out with what head coach Paul Wright called the wrong mindset

and was handled by the Warriors in the opening period.

The response from the Apaches across the next three quarters, though, gave Wright plenty of optimism and a longer glimpse at how dominant Wabash could be this season.

"We didn't have a very good couple last days of practice," Wright said. "We came out kind of like we'd been practicing, not with

the same effort you saw in the second, third and fourth quarters. But I was pleased with how we responded. We challenged them between the first and second quarter and they came out and played the way we could play all year.

But if we're not ready to play, teams are going to do that to us and it could be a long year if we don't come out ready to play."

After a sloppy first pe-

riod, Wabash returned to a form that far more closely resembled the side that won Wabash County, Three Rivers Conference (TRC) and sectional titles last season. With all five starters returners from last season, Wabash quickly found its groove on the night and put forth three impressive defensive efforts over the final three quarters,

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NFL

Hopkins has 2 TDs, Texans beat Colts

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Determined to bounce back from an embarrassing loss, the Houston Texans used big performances from Deshaun Watson and DeAndre Hopkins and solid defense to beat the Indianapolis Colts and move into first place in the AFC South.

Watson threw two touchdown passes to Hopkins and finished with 298 yards to help the Texans to the 20-17 win Thursday night.

The Texans (7-4), who were routed by Baltimore 41-7 on Sunday, trailed by four early in the fourth quarter when Hopkins got in front of Pierre Desir and stretched out to haul in a 30-yard reception for a 20-17 lead. The Texans got things going on that drive with a 33-yard run by Carlos Hyde.

"It was a good team win," coach Bill O'Brien said. "Guys came in here on Monday to turn the page and were very focused ... this week and it showed up on

the field."

Houston's defense stepped up after the touchdown by Hopkins, forcing a punt on the next drive before stopping the Colts (6-5) on fourth-and-7 with 3 minutes left. Jacoby Brissett threw for 129 yards, and came up a yard shy of a first down on Indy's fourth-down attempt late in the fourth quarter.

"There's still plenty of football left, and we're far from out of this thing," Colts coach Frank Reich said.

"This was a playoff atmo-

sphere. Obviously, it was a good opportunity for us to take sole possession and have a sweep of Houston, but it didn't work out that way."

Hopkins finished with 94 yards receiving and his first TD reception came on a 35-yard grab in the second quarter.

Will Fuller, who returned after sitting out three games with a hamstring injury, had seven catches for 140 yards

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin seeks 14th straight victory over Purdue

BY KEITH JENKINS
AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin has absolutely dominated Purdue of late.

The Badgers have won 13 consecutive games against the Boilermakers, including six straight at Camp Randall Stadium. A year ago, Wisconsin needed every bit of three overtimes to eke out a victory at Purdue.

"People don't know, we've been having battles with Purdue," senior linebacker Chris Orr said. "People that might be looking past this, this is not a game like that. We've been battling with them. We've gone to triple overtime last

year, (2017) came down to the wire. I mean, they're a really good football team."

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor ran for a career-high 321 yards on 33 carries in last year's meeting. His final carry of the day was a 17-yard run that gave the Badgers a 47-44 win.

"That was my first overtime game," said Taylor, who scored three touchdowns in the victory. "And it went into triple overtime. So I'm like, 'What are the chances my first overtime game goes into triple overtime?' But it was actually really fun. ... Those guys made tremendous plays."

Taylor and the 14th-ranked Badgers (8-2, 5-2 Big Ten, No. 12 CFP) look to secure their 14th straight win over the Boilermakers (4-6, 3-4 Big Ten) on Saturday in their final home game of the season, while also keeping pace with No. 11 Minnesota (9-1, 6-1, No. 10 in CFP) in the Big Ten West standings.

Wisconsin is a game behind the Golden Gophers and will play them next week. "If we continue doing things right, then we'll be right back and where we want to be at the end of the year," said Taylor, who has averaged 270 yards in his previous two games against

the Boilermakers. "So we've got to make sure we continue to do what we did (last week) against Nebraska, stay focused and just focus on Purdue this week."

THE STREAK

Boilermakers coach Jeff Brohm has led Purdue to bowl games in each of his first two seasons at the school. He also made post-season trips in each of his three seasons as Western Kentucky's head coach. And after it looked like the Boilermakers season was doomed three weeks ago, they've rallied to win back-

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 12 Michigan poses big test for Hoosiers in home finale

BY MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

Quarterback Peyton Ramsey started this season as the backup.

He said and did all the right things and when he got another chance the two-year starter didn't disappoint.

On Saturday, the newly-minted captain will close out the Hoosiers' home slate as the starter on one of Indiana's most successful teams — and with No. 12 Michigan in town, he said he is still not satisfied.

"It is one of our season goals," Ramsey said when asked about beating a ranked team. "But it's also just another chance to go compete, to go play."

And without Ramsey, the Hoosiers' breakthrough season might not even have been a pipedream.

Injuries limited Michael Penix Jr. to six starts in a season he finished only two games. Ramsey, meanwhile, has gone 3-2 as the starter, the losses coming to Ohio State at home and Penn State on the road.

Ramsey's ability to stay ready and perform on a moment's notice has helped Indiana secure its first winning season since 2007, become bowl-eligible for the first time in three years, win at Nebraska for the first time since 1958 and end a 25-year drought by cracking the Top 25 rankings. The Hoosiers (7-3, 4-3 Big Ten) were even within striking distance of snapping a 37-game losing streak against top 10 foes last weekend.

Now, Ramsey will try to end a 23-game skid against surging Michigan (8-2, 5-2) and one of his biggest fans, Wolverines coach Jim Harbaugh.

"I've always thought Ramsey was a terrific quarterback," Harbaugh said. "We played against him as a true freshman and he played very well, and he's a very experienced quarterback now."

Michigan poses all sorts of problems.

The defense has allowed just 228 yards and 11.4 points in its last seven games, six of them wins. The offense has topped the 400-yard mark four times in its last five games and after beating one rival, Michigan State, the Wolverines hope to continue building momentum for next week's big showdown with No. 2 Ohio State.

Ramsey understands the challenge, but the Hoosiers are counting on their resilient quarterback to get the job done one more time.

"He's always been accurate, he's always been tough, he's always had those things that, those qualities of just the grit and the savviness," Indiana coach Tom Allen said. "I just think he's a really good player and that's why it was such a tough decision in the beginning that we had to make, but he's proven to me that he's an excellent football player and he's playing at a high level."

FANTASTIC FINISH

Sixteen seniors will make their final home appearance for the Hoosiers

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ON THE AIR

BEACH SOCCER (MEN'S)

11 p.m.
FS2: World Cup: U.S. vs. Japan, Group A, Luque, Paraguay

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

12 p.m.

ESPN: Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Virginia vs. Massachusetts, Semifinal, Montville, Connecticut

2 p.m.

FS2: Robert Morris at Marquette

4 p.m.

FS2: Pennsylvania at Providence

8 p.m.

BTN: Jacksonville State at Purdue

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12 p.m.

ABC: Minnesota at Northwestern

BTN: Illinois at Iowa

ESPN: Western Carolina at Alabama

ESPN2: Oklahoma State at West Virginia

ESPN: Harvard at Yale

FOX: Penn State at Ohio State

FS1: Michigan State at Rutgers

SEC: Samford at Auburn

2:30 p.m.

NBC: Boston College at Notre Dame

3:30 p.m.

ABC: UCLA at Southern California

BTN: Nebraska at Maryland

CBS: Texas A&M at Georgia

CBSSN: Southern Methodist at Navy

ESPN: Michigan at Indiana

ESPN2: Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech

FS1: Texas at Baylor

SEC: Tennessee (Martin) at Kentucky

4 p.m.

ESPN: Memphis at South Florida

FOX: Purdue at Wisconsin

7 p.m.

ESPN: Arkansas at LSU

ESPN2: Temple at Cincinnati

FS1: Kansas State at Texas Tech

7:30 p.m.

ABC: Oregon at Arizona

ESPN: Houston at Tulsa

SEC: Tennessee at Missouri

8 p.m.

FOX: Texas Christian at Oklahoma

10 p.m.

ESPN: Washington at Colorado

FS1: Utah at Arizona

10:30 p.m.

CBSSN: Boise State at Utah State

GOLF

1 p.m.

GOLF: PGA Tour: The RSM Classic, third round, St. Simons, Ga.

4 p.m.

GOLF: LPGA Tour: The CME Group Tour Championship, third round, Naples, Fla. (taped)

NBA BASKETBALL

9 p.m.

NBA: New Orleans at Utah

SOCCER (MEN'S)

9:30 a.m.

FS1: Bundesliga: Bayern Munich at

Fortuna Düsseldorf

FS2: Bundesliga: Borussia Mönchengladbach at Union Berlin
9:55 a.m.
NBCSN: Premier League: Southampton at Arsenal
12:30 p.m.
NBC: Chelsea at Manchester City

SKIING

6 p.m.
NBCSN: FIS: Alpine World Cup, Innsbruck, Austria (taped)

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

10:30 a.m.
ESPN: Myrtle Beach Invitational: Teams TBD, Consolation, Conway, S.C.
12 p.m.
CBSSN: Jamaica Classic: North Carolina A&T vs. Eastern Michigan, Montego Bay, Jamaica

1 p.m.

ESPN: Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Teams TBD, Championship, Montville, Connecticut

ESPN2: Charleston Classic: Teams TBD, Consolation, Charleston, S.C.

ESPN: Myrtle Beach Invitational: TBD, Consolation, Conway, S.C.

2 p.m.

FS1: North Florida at Creighton

2:30 p.m.

CBSSN: Jamaica Classic: Louisiana State vs. Rhode Island, Montego Bay, Jamaica

3:30 p.m.

ESPN2: Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Teams TBD, Consolation, Montville, Connecticut

ESPN: Charleston Classic: Teams TBD, Consolation, Charleston, S.C.

5 p.m.

BTN: Cal Poly at Iowa

ESPN: Myrtle Beach Invitational: TBD, Championship, Conway, S.C.

6 p.m.

ESPN: Charleston Classic: TBD, Seventh Place Game, Charleston, S.C.

6:30 p.m.

CBSSN: Jamaica Classic: Utah State vs. North Texas, Montego Bay, Jamaica

7 p.m.

BTN: North Dakota at Minnesota

7:30 p.m.

ESPN: Myrtle Beach Invitational: Teams TBD, Seventh Place Game, Conway, S.C.

9 p.m.

CBSSN: Jamaica Classic: Nicholls State vs. Maryland (Baltimore County), Montego Bay, Jamaica

10:30 p.m.

ESPN2: MGM Resorts Main Event: Clemson vs. Texas Christian, Semifinal, Final, Madrid

Las Vegas

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

3 p.m.
ESPN: Connecticut at Ohio State
8 p.m.
SEC: Rutgers at Louisiana State

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12:30 p.m.
ESPN: FCS Selection Special

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

12 p.m.
BTN: Division 1 Tournament: Kentucky at Indiana, Second Round

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1:30 p.m.
ESPN: American Athletic Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, Orlando, Fla.

2 p.m.

SEC: Missouri at Tennessee

2:30 p.m.

BTN: Nebraska at Wisconsin

8 p.m.

ESPN: Mid-Eastern Athletic Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, Washington

FIGURE SKATING

4 p.m.

NBC: ISU Grand Prix: NHK Trophy, Sapporo, Japan (taped)

GOLF

1 p.m.

CBS: LPGA Tour: The CME Group Tour Championship, final round, Naples, Fla.

GOLF: PGA Tour: The RSM Classic, final round, St. Simons, Ga.

NFL FOOTBALL

1 p.m.

CBS: Regional Coverage: Denver at Buffalo, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Carolina at New Orleans, Oakland at NY Jets

FOX: Regional Coverage: Tampa Bay at Atlanta, NY Giants at Chicago, Miami at Cleveland, Detroit at Washington, Seattle at Philadelphia

4:05 p.m.

CBS: Regional Coverage: Jacksonville at Tennessee

4:25 p.m.

FOX: Regional Coverage: Dallas at New England

8:20 p.m.

NBC: Green Bay at San Francisco

SOCCER (MEN'S)

9:30 a.m.

FS1: Bundesliga: Hertha Berlin at Augsburg

11:25 a.m.

NBCSN: Premier League: Manchester United at Sheffield United

12 p.m.

FS1: Bundesliga: Mainz 05 at TSG 1899 Hoffenheim

TENNIS

10 a.m.

FS2: ITF: Davis Cup, Teams TBD, Final, Madrid

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Indianapolis, Williams 26-104, Hines 5-51, Brissett 4-20, Houston, Hyde 16-67, D. Johnson 5-22, Watson 3-10.

PASSING-Indianapolis, Brissett 16-25-0-129.

RECEIVING-Indianapolis, Williams 26-104, Hines 5-51, Brissett 4-20, Houston, Hyde 16-67, D. Johnson 5-22, Watson 3-10.

STILLS-Indianapolis, Williams 26-104, Hines 5-51, Brissett 4-20, Houston, Hyde 16-67, D. Johnson 5-22, Watson 3-10.

MISSING FIELD GOALS-None.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball

MLB — Announced that the owners of the Major League Clubs unanimously approved the ownership group of the Kansas City Royals, led by John Sherman and partners. Approved the designation of Greg Johnson as the control person of the San Francisco Giants.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Eve Rosenberg director of baseball development.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with C Yasmani Grandal on a four-year contract. Designated OF Daniel Palka for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Joe Dillon hitting coach.

FOOTBALL National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Released OT Dan Skipper.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated TE Jordan Thomas from reserve/injured list. Signed S Jonathan Owens from the practice squad.

Waived DE Joel Heath and WR Steven Mitchell Jr.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Tashawn Bower to the practice squad.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Kevin Rooney on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 13.

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Exercised contract options on D Leandro Gonzalez Pirez and Ms Mo Adams, Andrew Carleton and Julian Gressel. Declined contract options for Ds Jose Hernandez and Florent Pogba; Ms Chris Gaslin and Justin Meram; and Forward Patrick Okonkwo.

LA FOOTBALL CLUB — Exercised 2020 contract options on Ds Tristan Blackmon and Mohamed El-Munir, and F Adrien Perez and Josh Perez. Declined the options on Ds Lamar Batista and Dejan Jaković and Ms Javier Perez and Peter-Lee Vassell.

LA GALAXY — Exercised contract options on G Justin Steeg, D Roff Feltzler, M Emil Cuello and F Cristian Pavon. Declined contract options for Ds Diego Polenta, Tomas Hilliard-Arce and Hugo Arellano; Ms Fábio Alvarez, Juninho, Joao Pedro and Servando Carrasco; and G Matt Lampson. Announced the retirement of M Chris Pontius.

MINNESOTA UNITED — Re-signed Ike Opara and Michael Boxall to multi-season contracts. Picked up the options for Hassan Dotson, Ethan Finlay, Chase Gasper, Marlon Hairston, Kevin Molina and Wyatt Omsberg. Declined the options for Lawrence Olum and Miguel Ibarra.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Announced the resignation of sporting director Claudio Reyna to take position with Austin FC. Promoted technical director Dale Lee to sporting director.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Declined contract options for M Diego Valeri, G Kendall McIntosh, D Modou Jadama and F Foster Langsdorf.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Exercised contract options on G Matt Bersano, D Paul Marie and M Jackson Yuille. Declined contract options for Ds Francois Affolter, Jimmy Ockford and Kevin Partida.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Irish beat Toledo in OT behind Gibbs, Pflueger

BY ANTHONY ANDERSON

Associated Press

high six steals.

Irish star John Mooney, in his return from a stomach virus that kept him out of Monday's win, netted a season-low seven points on 3 of 11 from the field and 1 of 5 at the line, but added 15 rebounds.

Marreon Jackson poured in 23 points for Toledo (3-2), while Jackson added 20 rebounds to go with 11 points. Chris Knapke scored 16 points for the Rockets.

BIG PICTURE

Toledo: A potentially resume-building win for the Rockets went by the wayside. They'll have precious few of those opportunities over the rest of their schedule.

Notre Dame: The Irish continued to build steam heading closer to their Dec. 4 visit to No. 6 Maryland.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Irish expect physical test from run-happy Eagles

BY JOHN FINERAN

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Boston College coach Steve Addazio doesn't have any magic tricks planned for Saturday's game at No. 15 Notre Dame.

"Our rabbit coming out of the hat is to play as hard and physical as we can play," Addazio said as his Eagles, seeking to become bowl eligible, visit Notre Dame Stadium where the Fighting Irish (8-2, No. 16 CFP) have won 17 straight games.

The latest in that streak was a 52-20 win over Navy, the nation's top rushing team coming in that was held to just 281 yards. Boston College (5-5) will challenge the Fighting Irish defense with a stout ground game of its own.

Led by a pair of running

tanks in 250-pound junior AJ Dillon and 240-pound sophomore David Bailey, the Eagles average 282.5 yards per game, fifth nationally. Dillon is third nationally with 1,451 yards while Bailey has 765. They have combined for 20 touchdowns.

"We're not dealing with the triple option like Navy," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "Boston College has much more of a physical presence. This will be about controlling the line of scrimmage."

Former walk-on Dennis Grosel replaced injured quarterback Anthony Brown during the Louisville game and has thrown for 710 yards and eight touchdowns for an Eagles offense that averages 483.7 yards and 33.8 points.

"I think we're mentally refocused and physically refocused," Grosel said.

Defensively, Addazio's young Eagles are still learning the ropes, allowing 32.1 points and 486.9 yards per game, including 302.3 yards through the air. They now face Fighting Irish quarterback Ian Book, who has thrown nine touchdown passes in blowout victories over Duke and Navy, five of them to 6-foot-4½ senior wideout Chase Claypool.

"This is a very talented team," Addazio said. "They played at a high level last week against a really good Navy team in every phase."

FAMILY TIES

The game will test the loyalties of Dillon's grandfather,

Thom Gatewood, a College Football Hall of Famer who set receiving records at Notre Dame from 1969-71. A favorite receiver of Joe Theismann in 1970, Gatewood set single-season school records with 77 receptions for 1,123 receiving yards. He was a captain of the 1971 team.

Dillon said his grandfather came with him on his official visit to Notre Dame, but Gatewood encouraged him to make his own decision. Dillon picked Boston College, and he is now the school's all-time leading rusher with 4,148 yards.

"I wanted to start my own legacy," Dillon said. "My grandfather did wonders there, he was a phenomenal player, phenomenal person, student as well. Nothing

against him or Notre Dame, I just wanted to be a part of making my own legacy somewhere else. I'm trying to do that here."

MORE TIES THAT BIND

Addazio directed special teams, tight ends and offensive tackles from 1999-2001 under then-Irish coach Bob Davie. BC running backs coach Brian White was a graduate assistant for Notre Dame's 1988 national champions under Lou Holtz.

Quarterback Doug Flutie, who won the 1984 Heisman Trophy at Boston College and played against the Irish in the Liberty Bowl following the 1983 season, is the color analyst for Notre Dame telecasts on NBC.

The Irish hold a 15-9 edge in the series thanks to a current six-game win streak. Boston College won six straight from 2001-08; the most memorable game in the series for the Eagles is the 41-39 upset of then-No. 1 Notre Dame in 1993.

GROWING UP
(FOR) IRISH

Kelly grew up north of Boston and played and first coached football at Assumption College, 40 miles west of Chestnut Hill. He didn't have an affinity for Boston College football growing up.

"I wasn't much of a fan of anything but Notre Dame growing up," Kelly said. "That's all we had on TV."

NASCAR

Johnson ready to end NASCAR grind and move on with life

BY JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing

CONCORD, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson handed out mini bottles of Patron at his retirement announcement — so perfectly on brand for the cool Californian who stormed to a record-tying seven NASCAR championships yet somehow bored fans who found him too vanilla for their liking.

Nothing about Johnson was ever boring, though.

Certainly not as the unknown Xfinity Series driver in 2000 who slammed head-first into a foam wall at Watkins Glen, climbed from the wreckage and raised his arms in triumph from the roof of his car. Or the time he tried to prove he could surf on top of a moving golf cart, only to fall and break his wrist weeks after winning his first championship.

Horseplay at The Palms Casino with crew chief Chad Knaus after title No. 4 left both scrambling on the floor searching for a misplaced championship ring.

Now 44, Johnson has made friends with celebrities from practically every industry — musicians, actors, athletes, artists — and is legendary for a work hard, play hard mantra. His love of tequila is well-known, and the bottles celebrating him Thursday were a nod to the seven Patron toasts he did with his team during every championship celebration.

His work ethic made him the best NASCAR driver of much of the last two decades, and his desire to play a bit more certainly led to his decision to retire after the 2020 season. He said Thursday he made the decision earlier this fall and was

at peace with it. He said he is committed to chasing a record eighth championship next year — but ready to take a break and spend more time with his family.

"This is not a retirement from driving race cars, this is slowing down from 38 races," Johnson said, noting the length of the NASCAR Cup Series schedule. "A little more balance is really where that sits. This is not retirement from racing, this is stepping down for the 38 races and the commitment it takes to being competitive. I look forward to what might develop. I feel like I need to take a deep breath and see what comes from there, put my family first instead of racing first and see where that takes us."

Making his 19th season the last one as a full-time racer was a decision John-

son has pondered for much of the year. He's a planner, a processor, and wanted to figure out his plans by the end of this season.

He visited team owner Rick Hendrick in late October — "every time one of these drivers calls me and wants to come to my house, I know that's not a good situation," Hendrick quipped — and discussed his decision with Jeff Gordon, the four-time champion who believed enough in Johnson to convince Hendrick to build a team around the unknown driver all those years ago.

He made his decision public Wednesday, the same day he told his two daughters over breakfast and tried to show them a video detailing his decision. Six-year-old Lydia was more interested in her pancakes.

INJURIES

Houston ILB Dylan Cole injured his calf in the second half and didn't return. ... Texans DE Carlos Watkins left in the fourth quarter with a hamstring injury.

THEY SAID IT

Hilton on if a lack of practice contributed to his tough night: "Ain't got nothing to do with nothing. I just played bad. It's on me."

PILING UP TACKLES

Houston linebacker Zach Cunningham had a career-high 16 tackles to lead Houston's defense. It was the fourth time this season that the third-year player has had at least 10 tackles and he leads the team with 95 tackles.

UP NEXT

Colts: Host Tennessee on Dec. 1.

COLTS

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for the Texans.

"Anytime we have a healthy Will ... he's been a very productive guy," O'Brien said. "He's made chunk plays for us, touchdowns, and he's a great player. And when we get him as a part of our offense it really helps us and it opens up a lot of different things."

Watson was able to complete several long throws on Thursday including ones for 51 and 44 yards to Fuller.

"I was able to put enough air on the ball and let our guys make plays and that's what they get paid to do, that's what they love to do," Watson said. "Just give them a chance and most likely they're going to come down with it."

T.Y. Hilton had topped 100 receiving yards in four of his last six games against the

Texans and entered averaging 133.3 receiving yards in seven career games at NRG Stadium. He wasn't a factor, finishing with just 18 yards receiving in his return after missing three games with a calf injury. Reich said Hilton was limited on Thursday and that they wanted to keep him under 30 plays.

There were about 6 minutes left in the third quarter when Jonathan Williams, who helped fill in for injured starter Marlon Mack, wriggled away from three defenders and dashed 13 yards for a touchdown to put the Colts up 17-10.

Fuller had a 51-yard reception on the first play of Houston's next drive, but the Texans couldn't move the ball after that and settled for a 36-yard field goal to cut the lead to four.

The Texans led 3-0 after a field goal early in the second quarter.

There were about 8 min-

utes left in the second when Kenny Moore tipped a pass from Watson and intercepted it. It was the first time Watson had thrown an interception at home since Oct. 14, 2018, against the Bills, a streak of 303 attempts which was the longest active run in the NFL.

The Colts cashed in on the mistake when Brissett scrambled 5 yards for a touchdown to make it 7-3.

There were 2 minutes left in the first half when Watson avoided the rush and found Hopkins wide open in the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown pass to put Houston back on top 10-7.

"I don't know where the safeties and the corners were, but they weren't in position, so I just kind of laid it out there," Watson said.

Indianapolis added a field goal at the end of the first half to leave it tied at 10 at halftime.

However, unlike last season, Wright also knows his team will be the hunted instead of doing the hunting.

"We just want to keep building from last year," he said. "We have the same goals everyone else does — win the county, win the TRC, win the sectional. Every program has that right now. We just want to build from last year. We want to keep it going. The thing is, you're going to get everyone's best shot. Maybe at the beginning of last year, we snuck up on some people. It's not going to happen this year and you saw that tonight. When we play Oak Hill on Wednesday at their place opening night, we're going to get everyone's best effort."

"So, we have to come mentally ready or you're going to see what Wawasee did to us in the first quarter but for four quarters. Tonight was a good experience for our kids. No matter how much experience we have, we have to be ready to play."

Wabash opens the year at Oak Hill on Wednesday with tip-off at 7:45 p.m.

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holding Wawasee below double digits in each period, which consisted of 15-minute running clocks.

"Since I've been the head coach, we want defense (to be the identity)," Wright said. "We think we have good enough scorers so we have to shore up our defense because there will be days where the ball might not be going in for us. Last year, I never worried about the defense, really. We have to get there again and you saw what we are capable of in the second, third and fourth periods. Just playing great team defense, guys were talking and getting deflections. We made things hard on Wawasee. It was nice to see us set the tone."

The backcourt duo of Trenton Daughtry and Derek Vogel, both starters on last year's team, set the tone on the night. Daughtry led the team in scoring at 18.7 points per game last season and returns as arguably the top player in the county this season.

The third returning starter for the Apaches is Elijah Vanden Velden. The big man averaged 6.3 rebounds and 3.5 blocks while patrolling the paint last fall.

The two newcomers in the starting lineup on Thursday were Jared Holley and Jasper Walters. Holley saw plenty of action last season, averaging just shy of 15 minutes per game while appearing in all 26 contests. Walters, meanwhile, came on late in the season. The junior sharpshooter scored 26 points in a late regular season win over Rochester and found himself a regular member of the rotation the remainder of the season and through the tournament.

"We have a lot of experience," Wright said. "The great thing about that is they know what to expect so we can somewhat focus on the little things. For the last week and a half, that's all we focused on. They know our offense and we want to clean up some things on offense. I thought we could do better from last year."

"Defensively, we're missing a couple big pieces with those seniors that left us last

year. We have to make sure defensively that we can stop people because we are not good enough to outscore people. You saw it in the first quarter, I think we thought we could come out and outscore them and Wawasee was able to do whatever they wanted. We just can't let that happen. We have to set the tone defensively. We really believe if we can do that, it'll set up our offense."

The likes of Kallen Kelsheimer, Wyatt Davis, Jesse Allison and Joe Leland all played in at least 18 games last year and all featured in Thursday's scrimmage.

The Apaches will have their work cut out for them in their pursuit of repeating as champions in a number of different competitions. Wabash won the County Tournament by just three points over Southwood, captured the TRC title by one game and narrowly staved off Manchester in the sectional final.

But with all the pieces from last year's team returning, Wright and his staff are focused on building off the success of last season.

HOOSIERS

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on Saturday and they are particularly excited about the bowl bid. "We were the last class before coach Allen got here, but I think we were here long enough to embrace his concept," senior offensive lineman Simon Stepaniak said. "I think this group really kicked it off and made sure you're not going to take Indiana lightly anymore."

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Harbaugh said Allen has done a "great job" with his program, improving the defense to complement its offense.

"He's got a lot of enthusiasm," Harbaugh said. "He's really focused, you can tell, as a coach and I think that rubs off on his football team."

CLOSE CALLS

This series has been one-sided right from the start. Michigan won the first five games and the Hoosiers have never come close to pulling even with the Wolverines.

The Hoosiers haven't won since 1987, but Indiana has been getting increasingly more competitive. Four of the last eight games have been decided by seven or fewer points and the Wolverines needed overtime to win in their last trip to Bloomington and double overtime in their previous trip to Bloomington.

HE SAID IT

"You can't plant potatoes one day and expect to eat potato salad the next day," — Harbaugh, referring to his steadily improving team.

French women demand action amid high domestic violence rate

BY CLAIRE PARKER

Associated Press

LES MUREAUX, France — Sylvia. Dalila. Aminata. Céline. Julie. Their names are plastered on buildings and headlines across France, calling attention to their shared fate: Each was killed, allegedly by a current or former partner this year.

More than 130 women have died from domestic violence this year alone in France, according to activists who track the deaths.

European Union studies show France has a higher rate of domestic violence than most of its European peers. And frustrated activists have drawn national attention to a problem President Emmanuel Macron has called "France's shame."

Under cover of night, activists have glued posters with the names of the dead and calls to action to French city walls. "Complaints ignored, women killed," read the black block letters on one such sign. They have also posted anti-violence slogans, tagged with Macron's name.

By the hundreds, women have walked silently through city streets after each new death.

Two years after Macron made a campaign pledge to

tackle the problem, his centrist French government has begun to act.

A Justice Ministry report released earlier this month acknowledged authorities' systematic failure to intervene to prevent domestic violence slayings. On Monday, the government will

announce measures that are expected to include seizing firearms from people suspected of domestic violence, prioritizing police training and formally recognizing "psychological violence" as a form of domestic violence.

Women are not the only victims of domestic violence, but French officials say they make up the vast majority.

Lawyers and victims' advocates say women are too often disbelieved or turned away by French law enforcement. But they're encouraged by the new national conversation, which they say marks a departure from decades of denial.

"In France, we always have the impression that we are perfect," activist Caroline de Haas told The Associated Press.

A 2014 EU survey of 42,000 women across all 28 member states found that 26 percent of French women respondents said they been

abused by a partner since age 15, either physically or sexually.

That's below the global average of 30 percent, according to UN Women. But it's 4 percentage points above the EU average and the sixth highest among EU countries.

Half that number reported experiencing such abuse in Spain, which implemented a series of legal and educational measures in 2004 that slashed its domestic violence rates.

Conversations about domestic violence have also ratcheted up in neighboring Germany, where activists are demanding that the term "femicide" be used to describe such killings.

In France, victims and advocates say government action is overdue — and that more training is needed for police who are often ill-prepared to protect women in danger.

Police inaction made national headlines in France after Macron visited a hotline call center in September and listened in on a call with a 57-year-old woman whose husband had threatened to kill her. He heard a police officer on the other end tell the woman he couldn't help her.

The hotline operator told Macron that such responses weren't unusual.

Police officers across Europe often dismiss domestic violence as a private matter and fail to intervene at crucial moments, an EU study found this year.

But France is particularly bad, said EU researcher Albin Dearing, who led a study this year that examined domestic violence in seven European countries, including France.

"When it comes to violence against women, it showed actually that police do very little to protect women who turn to them for protection," he said.

It can take between three weeks and two months for authorities to act on a complaint, leaving the victim "in a very fragile situation," according to Frederique Martz, who runs anti-domestic violence organization Women Safe.

The Justice Ministry report this month found that 41 percent of "conjugal homicide" victims studied had previously reported incidents of domestic violence, and 80 percent of complaints sent to prosecutors went uninvestigated.

"Our system doesn't work to protect women," Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet

told French TV channel LCI after another French woman was allegedly killed by her husband in Alsace last week.

But Maj. Fabienne Boulard of the national police said many officers respond appropriately to reports of domestic violence. Those who don't — the ones who react "clumsily" or ask the wrong questions — usually don't mean harm, she added; they just don't recognize domestic violence or know how to intervene.

This is particularly true when women receive threats but not yet physical blows, victims say.

Officers "absorb this violence into the category of violence between a couple that is going through a difficult period," said one woman whose ex-husband repeatedly threatened her and their children. She spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation.

The woman divorced him after years of what she describes as psychological abuse that left her "terrified to cross him." His threats only grew worse from there, she said.

She filed multiple complaints, but she said police officers suggested she didn't seem like a victim or wasn't

able to prove that she was in danger.

Earlier this month, Boulard led the first supplementary training on domestic violence for police in the Paris suburb of Les Mureaux. She emphasized to the eight officers there that among victims, "shame is an extremely strong feeling."

Participants traded stories of issues they had encountered: the surge in complaints on Sundays, the woman who retracts her complaint, the partner who insists everything is fine.

"We can't do anything," one female police officer complained.

Boulard told The AP that the three-hour session aimed to help officers understand the pressures that victims face and "why the victim is not what they imagined, why sometimes they don't correspond with the criteria they expect to see."

Trainings like Boulard's take place in some parts of France, but regional authorities can decide whether to hold them. Activists hope they'll become routine.

"A year or two ago, no one used the word 'femicide' apart from feminist organizations," Haas said. "There is very much a change in public consciousness."

Isolated Iceland newly vulnerable to computer scams

BY EGILL BJARNASON

Associated Press

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — "Hi, I hope you are not busy?"

The treasurer of the Icelandic soccer club Afturelding got the email from his manager late in the afternoon, soon before banks were about to close. The words "Sent from my iPhone" were at the bottom, suggesting urgency, and through a series of exchanges, the manager asked that a quick payment be made.

It was a scam, perpetrated from someone posing as the club manager — and part of a sudden rush of online fraud that is catching Icelanders unprepared.

Online apps have now become good at translating the country's complex language, a version of Old Norse spoken only by about 400,000 people. And the government has lifted limits on money transfers out of the country that had been imposed since the financial crisis. The combination over the past two years has attracted scammers to target a population that has not developed the same habits of caution about online fraud as other such wealthy, high-tech countries.

"The trick is always the same, but the Icelandic gets better and better," said Audur Thorsteinsdóttir, manager of The Icelandic Youth Association, an umbrella organization regularly warning member clubs against fraud emails.

Large and small enterprises, from vehicle inspection companies to residents' associations, have been shaken this year by someone posing as the CEO or chairman seeking a swift payment. By using Google Translate or Microsoft's Translator — the two apps that can translate Icelandic — the criminals were able to sound credible, police say.

Known as "CEO fraud" — when criminals pose as high-ranking executives after thoroughly researching the company structure — the scams did not exist at Icelandic workplaces in the early days of online translators. Software offered poor, often comically inaccurate, results: Icelandic for "youth" for example, was translated as meaning "Youtube." The

apps have since improved.

"The text has the kind of errors Google Translate makes," such as awkward capitalization and syntax, said police detective Dadi Gunnarsson. "But it reads remarkably well, and that fools many."

Recent scams have amounted to the largest thefts the island nation has ever seen. Geothermal energy company HS Orka recently lost \$1.5 million and a total of \$13 million has been lost to foreign scammers over the past twelve months, the police estimate.

In another case, a series of promoted ads on social media promised to explain how to bounce back from bankruptcy. The link brought users to a website mimicking a respected business paper, with its trademark pink background. It was a bitcoin scheme meant to defraud.

Icelandic was introduced to Google Translate in 2009, earlier than many other more widely spoken languages as a Reykjavík-born employee at the tech company wanted his mother tongue included as soon as possible. Dozens of students and faculty at Reykjavík University volunteered to help Google gather samples for voice recognition.

Still, the translations were incomplete and spotty for many years.

"The learning curve has been steep for Iceland," said Morten Tandle, director of the Nordic Financial Cert, a Norway-based organization coordinating cyber security responses between large companies in the region.

Experts say that as artificial intelligence improved, translation apps only really became good enough at Icelandic around 2018.

That was just months after the government removed limits on the amount of money that could be transferred out of the country that had been imposed since the financial crisis over a decade ago.

It was like foreign scammers had been waiting for the day, police said.

Cases of online fraud began piling up, with the number this year about six times higher than the year before, according to Landsbankinn, a large commercial bank.

Victims rarely get their money back.

In most countries, Tandle said, people learn to be cautious online because someone around them has been scammed or hurt by messages with malicious software. The country's isolation from such trends until recently made its sudden exposure all the more painful.

The rule of thumb, experts advise, is to always respond to financial inquiries through a different medium, like replying to an email with a phone call.

Icelanders pride themselves on their sense of community and have one of the highest levels of "social trust" in surveys measuring people's belief in each other and in honesty and integrity.

"Social trust is the desired quality of every society," said Gunnar Helgi Kristinsson, a politics professor at the University of Iceland. "It makes the economy more dynamic, democracy stronger and people happier and healthier — in academic literature nothing bad is ever associated with healthy trust."

Yet police and cybersecurity experts note that online scammers successfully exploit it and are urging more caution.

"Digitalization of finance and public service needs to be followed by more awareness," said Jarno Limnelli, a professor in cybersecurity at the Aalto University in Finland. "We should approach the internet like driving: Always on the alert."

Kristján Ásgeirsson, a fishing industry entrepreneur known as Fiskikóngurinn, "the King of Fish," made a splash in local media recently speaking about the shame and distrust he felt after falling into a scam.

Ásgeirsson received an email from what appeared to be a trusted American business associate asking for the next invoice to be paid to a separate account for tax purposes. Someone had hacked Ásgeirsson's inbox and was posing as his contact under a false email address. He lost \$68,000 and only discovered the scam weeks later.

"I feel like a complete idiot," Ásgeirsson said. "It can happen to everyone," he added, before pausing and revising his statement: "It is happening to everyone."

vestigate the investigators," he declared, adopting an oft-used Trump line.

JERUSALEM — He was accused of using his high office to advance his personal political interests. He derided the investigation as a "witch hunt" fueled by "fake news" — an "attempted coup."

He counted on his right-wing base, his hand-picked attorney general and his media savvy to weather the crisis.

Not U.S. President Donald Trump, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was indicted Thursday on corruption charges.

Netanyahu's indictment on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust marks the culmination of three long-running corruption cases.

In the most serious, he is accused of accepting bribes from a telecom magnate by promoting regulations worth hundreds of millions of dollars in exchange for favorable media coverage on a popular news site owned by the company.

The announcement of the charges coincided with the final day of public impeachment hearings by the U.S. House of Representatives, in which officials provided a mountain of evidence to support allegations that Trump used the powers of his office to pressure Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden.

Trump and his supporters have furiously denied any wrongdoing, alleging a deep state conspiracy fanned by a hostile media aimed at reversing the 2016 election.

Netanyahu has adopted similar tactics and even the same language, alleging a conspiracy by police and prosecutors to end the 10-year rule of Israel's longest-serving prime minister. He has held large Trump-like rallies in recent months and has repeatedly taken to the airwaves and social media, banking on his legendary political skills as the walls closed in.

"Police and investigators are not above the law," Netanyahu said in an angry televised statement late Thursday, in which he said the country was witnessing an "attempted coup."

"The time has come to in-

vestigate the investigators."

Netanyahu is not legally required to resign but faces heavy pressure to do so, and the indictment could weigh down his Likud party ahead of new elections.

Like Trump, he enjoys near absolute loyalty within his own party, but that too could change. Hours before the indictment was announced, a senior Likud member suggested there should be a party primary ahead of third elections and that he would be a candidate.

No such challenge has materialized in Trump's Republican Party, but it's still a year before the presidential election. As Netanyahu has found in recent weeks, things can change quickly.

"Something was different yesterday," Sima Kadmon, a columnist for the Yediot Achronot newspaper, wrote about Netanyahu's defiant speech. "It simply didn't work, perhaps because there is nothing alluring about a wounded animal except the smell of its blood."

"The Netanyahu era has never looked closer to its end than in those moments when he was fighting for it to continue," he wrote.

Netanyahu had apparently counted on his hand-picked attorney general to shield him from prosecution.

But despite coming under heavy pressure from Netanyahu supporters, who at times held demonstrations outside his home, Avichai Mandelblit personally announced the indictment on all charges Thursday, saying it was "not a matter of politics."

Despite their setbacks, both Netanyahu and Trump are digging in for a long struggle with their equally determined opponents.

"The indictment in Israel and the expected one in the United States would only contribute to the high level of polarization and mistrust and conflict and confrontation between the two major camps," said Eytan Gilboa, a professor of political science at Israel's Bar-Ilan University.

"The results could be similar in the sense of increasing the level of confrontation," he said.

Parallel national day rallies by Lebanon protesters, leaders

BY SARAH EL DEEB

and HASSAN AMMAR

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Lebanon's protesters and top politicians held competing Independence Day celebrations Friday, reflecting the deepening rift that has beset the country grappling with its worst political and economic crises in

decades.

The top leadership attended a truncated military parade which was relocated to the headquarters of the Defense Ministry from central Beirut, occupied by protesters.

The mood was somber at

the brief parade as a little

over a dozen regiments

marched before the country's president, parliament speaker and prime minister, who sat under a red canopy.

The three only exchanged a few words and left separately. An official celebration at the presidential palace was cancelled. There were no foreign dignitaries in attendance and no display of

tanks or equipment.

It was the first joint ap-

pearance by the three since

the prime minister resigned three weeks ago, citing a deadlock with political rivals in meeting protesters demands.

Since then, the politicians have continued bickering, deadlocked over a new government and showing lit-

tle ability to adapt in the face of more than a month of nationwide protests demanding an end to business as usual.

Separately, the protesters later held a boisterous parade at Martyrs' Square, near the waterfront boulevard where the formal celebration is traditionally held. The area has been occupied by protesters

since mid-October and is closed off to traffic.

Industrialists, doctors, students, expatriates, musicians, and mothers marched down a main street leading to the square, organized in more than 40 groups, built as "regiments" by the protesters to mirror the military parade.

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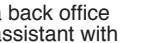
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